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SUBJ: STUDENT VIOLENCE

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1. ALTHOUGH ISTANBUL'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES HAVE BEEN QUIET SINCE THE DEC. 13-17 SACRIFICE HOLIDAY(KURBAN BAYRAMI), LEFT-RIGHT VIOLENCE HAS AGAIN BROKEN OUT AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN ISTANBUL AND THE NEIGHBORING PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF ESKISEHIR. ISTANBUL'S GALATASARAY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DEC. 29 WAS SCENE OF CLASH BETWEEN IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSED STUDENT GROUPS. LEFTIST STUDENTS, REPORTEDLY ACTING IN REACTION TO OCCUPATION OF A GALATASARAY BUILDING BY RIGHT-WING COMMANDOS, BATTLED WITH RIGHTISTS UNTIL POLICE SECURITY FORCE BROKE UP MELEE. SCHOOL WAS RECESSED FOR ONE DAY.

2. INCIDENTS SAME DAY IN ESKISEHIR WERE MORE SERIOUS, HOWEVER, AS MILITANTS OF LEFT AND RIGHT ATTACKED ONE ANOTHER AT ESKISEHIR SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING AND AT TEACHERS TRAINING INSTITUTE.
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BY TIME POLICE QUELLED FIGHTING,SEVERAL STUDENTS HAD BEEN WOUNDED

AND MORE THAN TWENTY TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. (CLASH ALLEGEDLY BROKE
OUT OVER RIVAL POLITICAL SLOGANS PAINTED ON SCHOOL WALLS.)

3. COMMENT: WHILE THESE INCIDENTS ARE NOT NOTEWORTHY IN THEM-
SELVES, THEY SUGGEST THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF CALM WHICH HAS PRE-
VAILED FOR PAST TWO WEEKS ON LOCAL CAMPUSES IS PROBABLY
TEMPORARY PHENOMENON. SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT
CHANGES OR REFORM IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, WHICH IN PAST
FURNISHED EXCUSE FOR BOYCOTTS AND VIOLENCE DURING PAST YEAR,
IT APPEARS LIKELY WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER CAMPUS INCIDENTS WHEN THE
UNIVERSITIES RESUME IN EARNEST AFTER THE NEW YEAR.
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